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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 15, 2009, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The period for response without extension expires on September 15, 2009. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.